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Udo KRUPKA) Group Art Unit: 1645
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Sir:

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Office the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 Form. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Office consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO/SB/08 Form.

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Respectfully submitted,

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